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SUBJECT: MOBUTU DISCLOSES ARREST OF BAKONGO OPPOSITION GROUP

1. IN IMPROMPTU SPEECH AUGUST 19 IN BAS ZAIRE TOWN OF MBANZA NGUNGU, WHERE HE HAD GONE TO OBSERVE MPR "MOBILIZATION" AND ACCEPT "ENTHRONEMENT" BY LOCAL CHIEFS, PRESIDENT MOBUTU LED OFF WITH DISCLOSURE OF ARREST IN KINSHASA OF ALL BUT ONE MEMBER OF 14-MAN GROUP OF BAKONGO SEPARATISTS. SAID GROUP'S LEADER, BIKEBI, WHO STILL AT LARGE, HAD BEEN POLITICAL DIRECTOR OF ABAKO W OYPAYT.#MOBUU SAID THIS GROUP,

CLAIMING TO SPEAK FOR BAKONGO PEOPLE, HAD PRINTED TRACTS PROCLAIMING INDEPENDENCE OF BAS ZAIRE UNDER NAME OF "KONGO CENTRAL." TRACTS HAD FOUND WAY INTO POSTOFFICE BOXES AND EMBASSIES, AND HAD ACTUALLY LED ONE SWISS NEWSPAPER TO REPORT THINGS NOT GOING WELL IN ZAIRE.

2. MOBUTU EMPHASIZED THAT GROUP WHOLLY RESIDENT IN KINSHASA WHERE ITS MEMBERS WERE CIVIL SERVANTS. IT HAD RECEIVED NO SUPPORT FROM INHADCTANTS OF BAS ZAIRE. MEMBERS HAD WORN MILITARY UNIFORMS WHILE DISTRIBUTING TRACTS. THEY HAD DONE SERIOUS HARM TO ZAIRE, AND WOULD BE SEVERELY PUNISHED. REMAINDER OF SPEECH DEVOTED TO TOPICS MOBUTU HAS DEALT WITH IN EARLIER PUBLIC

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APPEARANCES, INCLUDING AUTHENTICITY, EVILS OF TRIBALISM, CHURCH/-

STATE RELATIONS, ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE, AND NATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS SO FAR.

3. COMMENT: SPEECH WAS DELIVERED BEFORE HUGE CROWD AND IN PRESENCE OF VISITING DIGNITARIES MOKTAR OULD DADDAH AND NGO EKANGAKI, SUGGESTING MOBUTU NOT PARTICULARLY CONCERNED THAT ANY DAMAGE TO NATIONAL IMAGE LIKELY TO RESULT. EMBASSY HAS FROM TIME TO TIME RECEIVED THROUGH MAILS MIMEOGRAPHED TRACTS VOICING ALLEGED DISCONTENT OF BAKONGO PEOPLE. TRACT DATED MARCH 24 THIS YEAR DECLARED THAT HENCEFORTH BAKONGO PEOPLE CEASED BEING PART OF "PUPPET REPUBLIC OF ZAIRE."  
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